

# Irish Partnerships Center

*"A Shared Heritage... A Shared Future"*

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## Partnerships:

**Dublin City University** is known for innovative work placement and interdisciplinary degree programs. Areas of cooperation with UMass Lowell include biomedical science and engineering, distance education, entrepreneurship, Irish Studies, and nursing.

**Queen's University** is a research-driven university with a dynamic world class research and education portfolio and strong international connections. Areas of research excellence range from conflict resolution and peace studies to drug design.

### Other Collaborations:

**National University of Ireland Galway** has a distinguished reputation for teaching and research excellence in the fields of arts, social science; engineering and informatics; medicine, nursing and health sciences; and science. Cooperation with UMass Lowell involves medical technology development and research.

**St. Mary's College**, affiliated with Queen's University, offers teacher training at the undergraduate and graduate levels. St. Mary's College is partnering with UMass Lowell and University of Haifa to research equity and excellence in education.

## Our Mission

"To work with Irish partners to create a dynamic model for Cross-Atlantic collaboration that will promote and advance UMass Lowell's goals to enhance the student experience by providing a global perspective to teaching and research, while contributing to Irish interests through exchange and service."

*"Going beyond what each university can do by itself will create a new generation of decision makers, entrepreneurs and leaders who can compete and collaborate with the best in the world,"*

*—Chancellor Marty Meehan on the importance of international partnerships which give faculty and students global experiences.*



(Seated L to R) Vice Chancellor Peter Gregson, Queen's, and Chancellor Marty Meehan, UMass Lowell, sign the institutional collaboration agreement. (Standing) Stephen McCarthy (Co-Director), Susan Braunhut, Provost Ahmed Abdelal, Pro-Vice Chancellor Gerry McCormack (Queen's), Frank Talty (Co-Director)



(Standing L to R)  
Co-Directors Frank Talty,  
Ann Marie Hurley, and  
Stephen McCarthy.  
(Seated L to R)  
Dublin City University  
President Brian MacCraith  
and Chancellor Marty  
Meehan sign the collabora-  
tion agreement.

## The Center for Irish Partnerships Co-Directors

**Dr. Frank Talty** is the director of the Academic Programs in the College of Arts and Science at University of Massachusetts Lowell. His expertise focuses on American Courts, American Public Administration and Public Policy.



Dr. Frank Talty

**Dr. Stephen P. McCarthy** is a professor and the M.S. Coordinator for the Department of Plastics Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. His interests focus on Biodegradable polymers, mechanical behavior of polymers, applications of CAD/CAM, process simulation and medical devices. He also serves as the Co-Director of the Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2).



Dr. Stephen McCarthy

**Ann Marie Hurley** is a professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Her expertise includes statistics and bioinformatics.



Professor Ann Marie Hurley

## Associate Director

**Victoria Drakoulakos** serves as Assistant to Chancellor Martin T. Meehan. She holds a Law Degree from Queen's University Belfast and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Victoria serves as the Vice President and founding member of the Queen's University Alumni Association, USA New England Chapter.



Victoria Drakoulakos

## Upcoming Events:

### First Ever NCAA Ice Hockey Game to Take Place in Belfast:

**Early plans** are now underway for the first ever NCAA college ice hockey game in Europe, to take place in Belfast over Columbus Day Weekend—October 8 and 9 in 2011. UMass Lowell will play Northeastern University. An academic conference, alumni reception, and a golf tournament are also planned. Stay tuned!

## Faculty Exchange Begins with Queen's University

**UMass Lowell** Professor Barbara Mawn, Co-Director of the Center for Health Promotion and Research, PhD Program Director, and Graduate Coordinator for the Department of Nursing was invited as a visiting professor at Queen's University, Belfast in May 2010. Professor Sean Gorman, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, and Professor Linda Johnston, Head of the School of Nursing and Midwifery, provided a warm welcome to Dr. Mawn. The purpose of the visit was to explore potential collaborative research and

educational projects in the field of health between the two "sister" universities. Dr. Mawn presented two guest lectures on Case Study Research and Using Mixed Methods in Research which were well received. In addition she met formally and informally with faculty, staff and students to identify shared interests and potential future collaborations. The visit was the first connection by faculty from the School of Health and Environment with Queen's University and will lead to future faculty and student exchanges.



Dr Mawn (3rd from left) with Queen's University faculty and doctoral students from the School of Nursing and Midwifery after a research presentation



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